

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein the angle  $\alpha$  between the wedge guiding direction and the clamping direction of the turnbuckle device ~~enclose an angle  $\alpha$  of~~ is less than  $90^\circ$ .

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim ~~20~~11 wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is between  $40^\circ$  and  $85^\circ$ .

14. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 13 wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is approximately  $45^\circ$ .

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein the guide openings of each turnbuckle device ~~is~~ are disposed on only by one of the claws of the respective turnbuckle device.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein the ~~wedge of each turnbuckle device~~ has a cross-section tapering along the wedge guiding direction.

19. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim ~~17~~20 wherein the wedge has a constant size along the wedge guiding direction.

20. (Currently Amended) A concrete shell system comprising:  
concrete shell elements;

~~turnbuckle~~ at least one device ~~devices~~ for clamping the concrete shell elements to one another, ~~each of the turnbuckle devices~~ device having spaced apart opposing claws displaceable toward one another in a clamping direction ~~along a claw plane and~~, the claws being configured for guiding one another for enabling the displacement toward one another;

teeth disposed on one of the claws, said teeth being slanted at an angle  $\epsilon$  with respect to the clamping direction;

a wedge disposed in a guide ~~through~~ claw openings for causing displacement of the claws upon movement of the wedge within the ~~guide openings~~ in a wedge guiding direction along a wedge plane parallel to the claw plane, ~~movement of the wedge determining the displacement of a class, said guiding direction being at an angle  $\alpha$  with respect to said clamping direction;~~

~~multiple mounting positions for receiving the turnbuckle devices, the mounting positions being spaced apart from one another and aligned on a straight line perpendicular to the clamping direction, and the guides are inclined with respect to the straight line in order to avoid collision of wedges of neighboring turnbuckle devices during movement of the wedges~~ grooves disposed in said wedge for engaging said teeth for causing the displacement of the claws upon movement of the wedge with the openings.

21. (New) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 further comprises a plurality of the devices.

22. (New) The concrete shell system according to claim 21 further comprising multiple mounting positions for receiving the devices, the mounting positions being spaced apart from one another and aligned on a straight line perpendicular to the clamping direction, with the wedges inclined with respect to the straight line in order to enabling access to the wedges for movement of the wedges.